

OPINION 1359

UROPLAT- AS THE STEM OF FAMILY-GROUP NAMES IN REPTILIA, SAURIA AND INSECTA, COLEOPTERA: A RULING TO REMOVE THE HOMONYMY

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers, the stem of the generic name *Uroplatus* Duméril, 1806 (Sauria) for the purposes of Article 29 is hereby ruled to be UROPLATI-.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Uroplatus* Duméril, 1806 (Sauria) (gender: feminine), type species, by monotypy, *Stellio fimbriatus* Schneider, 1792 (Name Number 1359);
- (b) *Uroplata* Chevrolat, 1835 (Coleoptera) (gender: feminine), type species, by subsequent designation by White, 1981, *Hispa mucronata* Olivier, 1808 (Name Number 2296).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *fimbriatus* Schneider, 1792, as published in the binomen *Stellio fimbriatus* (specific name of the type species of *Uroplatus* Duméril, 1806) (Name Number 3030);
- (b) *mucronata* Olivier, 1808, as published in the binomen *Hispa mucronata* (specific name of the type species of *Uroplata* Chevrolat, 1835) (Name Number 3031).

(4) The following family-group names are hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) UROPLATIIDAE Boulenger, 1884 (emended through the ruling under the plenary powers in (1) above from UROPLATIDAE) (type genus *Uroplatus* Duméril, 1806) (Sauria) (Name Number 593);
- (b) UROPLATINI Leng, 1920 (type genus *Uroplata* Chevrolat, 1835) (Coleoptera) (Name Number 594).

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2373

An application for the use of the plenary powers to remove the homonymy involving the use of UROPLAT- as the stem of family-group names in the Sauria and Coleoptera was first received from Professor H. M. Smith (*Department of Environmental, Population and Organismic Biology, University of Colorado, U.S.A.*), Dr U. N. Lanham (*University of Colorado Museum*) and the late Dr A. Loveridge on 10 January 1980. After some correspondence, a revised draft was sent to the printers on 14 January 1983 and published on 29 March 1983 in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 40, pp. 62–64. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the

same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general, three herpetological and eight entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 15 April 1985 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1985)26 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 40, pp. 62–63. At the close of the voting period on 15 July 1985 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21) received in the following order: Melville, Cocks, Holthuis, Halvorsen, Binder, Savage, Gruchy, Trjapitzin, Mroczkowski, Corliss, Lehtinen, Ride, Alvarado, Willink, Schuster, Uéno, Brinck, Kraus, Bayer, Heppell, Bernardi

Negative Votes — two (2) Hahn, Dupuis.

Late affirmative votes were returned by Cogger and Starobogatov.

The following comments were returned by Members of the Commission with their voting papers:

Holthuis: 'Let us hope that no one comes up with a genus *Uroplatius* or *Uroplatia*.'

Hahn: 'I disagree on two points: (1) The stem of *Uroplatus* may be changed into "UROPLATU-" (UROPLATUIDAE, as SCUTELLUIDAE), but not into "UROPLATI-" — there is no "i" in this word! (2) The authors do not state why the older and not the younger name should be modified. Why not Uroplataini for the tribe of Coleoptera?'

Dupuis: 'Il fallait faire exactement l'inverse (la requête n'examine même pas cette possibilité):

—UROPLATIDAE à conserver pour les Reptiles, comme étant 1°) le plus connu; 2°) fondé sur le nom de genre le plus ancien; 3°) proposé au niveau supergénérique le plus élevé; 4°) proposé en 1884.

—UROPLATIINI à introduire sous forme modifiée pour les *Hispinae* comme étant: 1°) le moins connu; 2°) fondé sur le nom de genre le plus récent; 3°) proposé au niveau supergénérique le moins élevé; 4°) proposé en 1920.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

fimbriatus, *Stellio*, Schneider, 1792, *Amphibiorum physiologiae specimen alterum*, p. 32

mucronata, *Hispa*, Olivier, 1808, *Entomologie, ou histoire naturelle des insectes* . . . vol. 6, Coléoptères, p. 765

Uroplata Chevrolat in Dejean, 1834, *Catalogue des coléoptères de la collection de M. le comte Dejean*, p. 365

UROPLATIIDAE Boulenger, 1884, *Ann. Mag. nat. Hist.*, (5), vol. 14, p. 119

UROPLATINI Leng, 1920, *Catalogue of the Coleoptera of America, north of Mexico*, p. 303

Uroplatus Duméril, 1806, *Zoologie analytique, ou méthode naturelle de classification des animaux*, p. 80.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (85)26 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1359.

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